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COTA SA on the Yorke Peninsula

The over 50 age group on Yorke Peninsula has embraced the opportunity to participate in COTA SA activities with more than 40 members joining the local YP group in just 5 months.

Through COTA SA – the peak body representing the interests of older South Australians - the Yorke Peninsula Group gives a voice to older people, helps influence advocacy on local issues and informs residents about activities to promote ageing well.

COTA SA CE, Jane Mussared says the interest from Yorke Peninsula shows the value of COTA SA's decision to reach out to regional communities to ensure their interests are heard along with those from metropolitan Adelaide.

“New people have joined the YP Group attracted by the chance to ensure issues on Yorke Peninsula are raised as part of COTA SA's representations to business and government – particularly in the lead-up to the upcoming State and Federal elections,” Ms Mussared said.

Chair of the Yorke Peninsula group, Vivienne Lambert said it was also pleasing that people from all over Yorke Peninsula are on the database.

“We now have representation from 21 locations across Yorke Peninsula. Members so far are from Alford, Ardrossan, Arthurton, Black Point, Edithburgh, Kadina, Minlaton, Moonta, Moonta Bay, Moonta Mines, North Beach, North Moonta, Point Pearce, Point Turton, Port Hughes, Port Victoria, Port Vincent, South Kilkerran, Wallaroo, Warooka and Yorketown.

“The YP Group has contributed local views to COTA SA on combatting ageism, navigating change, health and transport services, and promoting local opportunities to age well.

“Members on the database are kept up to date with activities to promote ageing well and have the opportunity to provide their local views to COTA SA on issues that need to be raised with decision-makers,” Ms Lambert said.

The YP Group will hold its next meeting at Yorketown and has partnered with the SYP Hub to provide some training on using apps to access services.

Anyone over 50 interested in joining the YP Group can contact Ms Lambert by phoning 1800 182 324.

COTA SA is an older people's movement and the peak body representing the rights, interests, and futures of more than 633,000 older South Australians aged over 50.

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Photo caption: YP Group_Meeting Moonta Bay

YP Group Chair, Vivienne Lambert (second from right) points out the 21 locations across Yorke Peninsula where the group is represented to those attending a recent meeting at Moonta Bay. From left: Gail Marsh, Margaret Tomsen, Shane Donnelly, Ann Hall, Mariette Rups-Donnelly, Jodi Slater (COTA SA), Bill Clarke, Margie Davies, Jane Mussared (COTA SA CE), Lesley May, Joan Zilm, Shirley Grimsey, Jan Staples, Kate Martin and Denise Campbell (far right).